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PRICE ONE CENT.

XMAS CAROLS DRAW THRONGS Admiralty Requests All at Sea

Crowds Start Gathering About **Treasury Steps for Songs** Ahead of Time.

BIGGEST COMMUNITY FETE

Thousands Ready to Take Part in Celebrations All Over City Today.

Long before 3 o'clock this afternoon crowds began to gather about the Treasury steps to hear what probably is the largest chorus ever gathered in Washington sing Christmas carols Surpassing in its scope anything hitherto attempted in the way of a community celebration of a holiday in Washington, this event brought to gether the daughter of the President of the United States, choirs of thirty churches, thousands of school shil-dren, 400 Girl Scouts, and hundreds of other individuals.

Marine Band To Play.

Uncle Sam's banner musical organi sation, the United States Marine Rand, was assigned by Maj. Gen. George Barnett, commandant of the corps, to furnish the orchestral ac

Before the song program the Marine Band played as the crowd gathered. The crowd was directed and handled by a squad of policemen, ac-cording to plans Major Pullman and Col. W. W. Harta, Superintendent of Public Buildings, and Grounds, had worked out together.

Preliminary Program

Marine Band's preliminary program included "Celeste," by Cambers, and "America First," by Losey, Arthur S. Whitcomb, cornet soloist, played "Cantique de Noel," by Adams On the vocal program were only old wamfliar carols, such as those sung by the waits in earlier Christmas celebrations. These carols in cluded "Joy to the World," "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," "Hark, the Angela Sing," "While Shepherds Watch Their Flocks" and "Silent Night, Holy Night."

But the songs on the Treasury steps marked only the beginning of the program for reviving eld time Christmas customs. On the vocal program were only

Singers Go to Hospitals.

Automobiles were waiting to take groups of the singers to hospitals and other institutions of the city where they were to sing Christmas carols, and other groups went to march through the streets singing Yulotide songs.

One picturesque feature of the singing were the 400 Girl Scouts, un-entering Washington is unprecedent der Miss Katherine Harlow, who assembled in front of the Riggs Bank four hours, crowds of incoming and early, bearing their banner, and marched to their station amid the great chorus.

chorus was directed by Dr. Hamlin E. Cogswell, in charge of mu-sic in the public schools. Miss Margaret Wilson sang with the chorus.

Scouts Do Not Sing. The 1,500 Boy Scouts did not sing they patrolled the crowd, distribut ing leaflets and programs. They

were generaled by Scoutmaster Her hert Bonnette Besides the church choirs, Girl Scouts, and the school children, the chorus included groups from private

schools, colleges, social centers. Sun-day schools, and choral societies. The melodies sung were all familiar ones, and the words were furnished the chorus on the leaflets dis

tributed by the Boy Scouts.

Miss Gardner in Charge. Miss Ella Gardner, of the District

playgrounds department, was in charge of the transportation arrangements for the groups of singers who were to be taken to hospitals. Many these were to go on foot, singing Troop 16, Girl Scouts, under Miss

Ruth Brown, was busy this morning. distributing its quota of presents to the children of the city who otherfrom Santa Claus. The other troops gathered yesterday at Girl Schendquarters for this distribution.

Junior League Ready.

Members of the Junior League had the gifts they were to give to children in all the city's hospitals ready for early distribution tomorrow. According to German custom the German embassy will hold its festivi-

host to the entire embassy staff at dinneer, and close personal friends will be invited. On account of the war there will be no formal or public celebration, as in former years.

NO NEEDY TO AID

Modern Utopia Raises \$1,500 and Can't Spend It.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.--Utopia just 9 7-10 miles from Manhattan.

It is sometimes called Flushing. in this Utopia is a Jefferson Democratic Club, which looks after the wants of the poor in its vicinity around Christmas.

This year the members contributed \$1,500, and a committee was appointed to hunt out the needy that they might supplied with holiday baskets. committee, after investigating, esterday reported there needy in Plushing, and the Demo-

with which it doesn't known what to

BRITISH TARS ASKED NOT TO CELEBRATE

to Refrain From Fetes Because of War.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 .- For the first time in the British mercantile marine for a hundred years, there will be no Christmas celebrations aboard British ships tomorrow.

This request, made by the British dmiralty, applies to passengers and crews, and is actuated by sympathy

for the men at the front.

The Adriatic with 100 passengers aboard, which sailed last night, had no holiday decorations. There will be

no holiday decorations. There will be no plum duff for the crew Christmas day, and no wine for the officers. It is probable that the crews of tramp steamships and sailing ships, which have not been in a British port to receive the admiralty request, will

get a Christmas dinner.
Officers of the Adriatic said they believed it was part of the new gov-ernment's policy to make every Briton afloat and ashore feel the seriousness

D. C. MILITIAMAN IS SHOT ON BORDER

R. L. Wellingham, of Third Infantry, Injured Trying to Compose Quarrel.

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 24.-While in company with several militiamen who became involved in a quarrel with policemen here last night, Robert L. Willington, a member of the Third In fantry, District National Guard, was shot and seriously wounded.

Wellingham was endeavoring quiet his noisy comrades, when the police arrived. The militiamen, some of whom were riotously celebratting their Christmas leave in town their guns, and a lively fight began, whic hended in seriously wounding Wellingham and one of the police-

Both are reported in a critical con Wellingham, whose parents live at

160 Bryant street northwest, Washington, was employed as a motorman by the Washington Italiway and Electric Company at the time of the militia's being called into Pederal

the District contingent near Evet.
Myer he gave up his position and oplisted as a private in Company II,
Third infantry. He is twenty-eight

TRAFFIC RUSH SETS MARK

Holiday Crowds at Union Station Resemble Inauguration.

ed. Several times in the past twenty and outgoing passengers at Union Sta

> In addition the railroads are strug-gling with the heaviest mail, express and freight business in the histo country, and with storms have delayed practically all schedules Trains entering and leaving Unio Station are all late, running from six to twelve hours behind schedule. greatest passenger rush Union Station came late last night. It has gradually diminished throughout he day. Thousands thronged the sta tion last pitht, most of them home ward bound for Christmas.

Several hundred department en ployes left Washington to spend Christmas "at the old home," and much lation here left last night or this

STRUGGLE HIGH IN AIR

Men Battling on Window Sill on Ninth Floor Saved.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24 .- Struggling of

the window ledge on the ninth floor of the Title and Trust building here, wo detectives, who were summe to arrest Robert Erickson, twenty six, Milwaukee, Wis., saved the lives of Erickson and R. D. Mowrey, president of the Universal Battery Com Erickson was former superintend

ent of the firm, and a shortage of \$600 was found in his accounts, according to Mowry. Mowrey met Erickson on the street here, and Erickson is said to have confessed.

Erickson attempted to jump out of the window, but Mowrey grabbed him and both were struggling on the window ledge when the detectives enter under arrest.

MASS AT MIDNIGHT

Patrick's Program Includes Services Every Half Hour.

Christmas day observances will be gin at midnight tonight at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, with a high mass, sung by the Right Rev. Mgr. W. T. Aussell. The Rev. Thomas E. McGuigan will serve as deacon and the Rev. M. P. Egan as sub-deacon. gr. Russell will preach the sermon Following the midnight mass, there will be low masses. Beginning at to clock tomorrow morning, masses will be sung every half hour until 11 o'clock, whem Father Egan will sing a second solemn high mass in commemoration of the feast. At this mass the Rev. J. A. Smyth

A special musical program has been announced for the midnight mass. two choirs affiliated with the the choir of mixed voices under the direction of Miss Jennie Glennan and the choir of male voices. R. Mills Silby leading, will combine in rendering the program.

BRITISH CAMPS OF SHOPLIFTERS

Which Slackers Employ "Underground Route."

COME ON SHIPS AS STOKERS WARM PRAISE FOR POLICE

Disclosure Made When Court Is Asked to Free Man From Brig.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.-An attempt to get William Farrell, a coal trimmer on the Adriatic, out of frons and the ship's brig yesterday by means of a writ of habeas corpus brought to light an "underground railroad" which Englishmen have been evading military service and escaping to the United States. Farrel himself is said to be a German who escaped from a camp where interned prisoners are

With the attempt the coal trimmer assumed the mystery of the man in the fron mask. For days he was manacled and immured within sound of the teeming traffic of the Chelses piers, and yesterday his friends tried to release him with the aid of the courts. They failed, and when the Adriatic sailed last night Farrel was still imprisoned on board.

Identity a Secret. Who Farrel is, why he is confined, who his friends are and how they learned of his predicament are questions that the British admiralty and the radicals who gather at the Modern-Perrer School might be able to answer. Farrel's skipper says that he is a coal heaver who threatened not to

return if he got shore leave and conse-

quently was clapped in irons. Harry Weinberger, an attorney who tried to free Farrel on a writ, and others who evinced a sudden interest in the case, said that the coal trimmer was held as a German free lance journalist and former soldier who had es-caped from a detention camp near

Applica for Writ.

Weinberger popped the Farrel ques Mayer for a writ, directing the captain and officers of the Adriatic to produce fortwith the person of William Parrell, also known as Kerhahn.
The writ was granted on the petition of Charles Evans, another coal
trimmer on the Adriatic and a British

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Paper Works Visited by \$300 Blaze.

Fire early today threatened to de stroy a wing of Peter M. Dorsch's bakery at 1811 Seventh street northwest, and the establishment of the Milton Baum Paper Company, 623 F street northwest.

Prompt discovery of the baker, enabled firemen to extinguish it be-

The fire started in a consignment of cake boxes on the second floor of one wing of the bakery, and made onsiderable smoke. An alley divides the two buildings.

The fire in the F street paper faco'clock. Firemen worked on the blaze for more than an hour. The damage was estimated at \$300. Shortly after 5 o'clock the fire broke out anew, but was promptly extinguished by Engine Company

MAIL FOR SUBMARINE

Germany Promises Regular Service by Commercial Undersea Boats.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 24 .- The news service from Berlin contains a statement that ordinary mail to the United States can shortly be forwarded by

Mail to other neutral countries can also be sent, the statement says, by

SEND LIMBS TO WOUNDED

Friends of France Care for Injure and Orphans.

Artificial limbs are to be presented to rounded French soldiers in Hospital 74. ear Paris, as Christmas gifts by friends of France in the Capital. Accompanying the check that is to be used for purchase of the limbs, will be a large box of toys and gifts for Gifts for the children have been do

WATCHMAN FOUND DEAD

tree to be set up in the hospital.

James Considine's Body Discovered by Fellow Employe.

James Considine, an aged watchman at the Maltby Building, New Jersey avenue and B street northwest, wa dead at his post early by a fellow-employe. Coroner Nevitt gave a certificate of death from nat

lived at 727 Second street northeast, White House, accompanied the President leaves a wife and eight children, dent and Mrs. Wilson,

to Identify Property Stolen From Stores.

"Flying Squadron" Commended for Its Work During Holiday Shopping Season.

It was identification day today at police headquarters.

Representatives of all department stores were there to look over and select their property from among the goods recovered from shop lifters caught within the past week. The desks of the detective bureau squad room looked like bargain-day counters, and members of the "flying squadron" stood around with smiles of satisfaction while the merchants and their representatives spoke high words of praise for the work they had

Nearly 100 Cases.

Mome than thirty-three arests have been made, including nearly 100 shoplifting cases during the past week and a half. Goods valued at more than \$1,500 have been recovered, and much more have been protected, according to the merchants, by the ten members of the squad working in conjunction with the plain clothes force from head-

"This Christmas season is the safest opping season we have ever experi-ed," said Mr. Harding, repercenting odward & Lothrop. "Never in the Woodward & Lothrop. "Never in the history of Washington have we had ganization as the squad which protected Christmas shopping during the past few weeks. Last year it was good. This year it was perfect."

Pullman Is Pleased

Major and Superintendent of Police Raymond W. Pullman, who conceived and worked out the plan under which stores were protected this year was present when the goods were identified today and complimented the quad on the work they had done. "It is evident from the cases you have made," said the Major, "that the failing of stealing is not confined to any one stratum of society. Rich and poor alike are spi to give in to the temptation to 'snitch' something for institute."

year, and I have received many words of praise of your work from the merchants. The most impertant part of yorn work has been the preventive influence your diligence has had and the educational effect your work will have on the weaker members of the

unity in future years. Always on the Spot."

spot," Mr. Hart, of Lansburg & Bru, told police officials. "We dispelled the idea that you could never find an ofwhen you wanted one. We neve had one emergency but a policman was on the job in a few seconds."

Mr. Palmer, representing the Palais

Royal, told the police that the "flying squadron" had been an invaluable "It operated quietly, and efficient

ly," he said. "We can say nothing in too high praise of their work. They were shifted from store to store such a way that they were not known to would-be offenders, and at the same time knew the habits of shoplifters and the lay of the store in such manner that I doubt if there was a thievery that was not detect The following stores were repre

sented at headquarters this morning: Woodward & Bothrop, Palais Royal, Kresge & Co., Barber & Ross, Julius Garfinkle, Leverton's, Frank R. Jel-leff, S. Kann, Sons & Co., Lansburgh & Bro., McCrory's Five and Ten, Woolworth's Five and Ten, and M. Goldenberg & Co.

Members of Squad. Detective Sergt. Charles A. Evans.

who has charge of the ship-lifting squad, sai dtoday he had had words of commendation from merchants all over the business district. The members of the squad are Policemen Mc Kimmey and Davis, of the Tenth pre-cinct; Capps and Elliott, of the Third precinct; Goggins and Williams, of the First, and Brown, of the Sixth, and Policewomen Farling and Clark.
At the conclusion of the identification work today Detective Evens presented with a silver match safe by presented with a silver match safe by the members of the squad who have worked under him during the past few weeks. The safe, which was lined with gold, was presented as a testi-monial "of the manner in which he directed the work and treated the members of the squad."

FRENCH CONDEMN WOMEN Berlin Press Bureau Says Two Are

BERLIN (via Sayville wireless) Dec. 24 .- Two more women have been sentenced to death by French courtmartial, the press bureau asserts.
One is named Busays, born in Calais of a German mother and a Luxemburg father; the other is a widow named Tichelly, of Swiss nationality. Both are accused of informing Germany as o French army operations. Both probably be shot, the press bureau

"The French apparently hold the record in sentencing and shooting women," the statement declared.

PRESIDENT AT CHURCH. President and Mrs. Wilson attended services at St. Margaret's Episcopal hurch today. This was the church ural causes.

Mr. Considine was sixty-one years old, and had been employed at the Maltby Building for several years. He

GERMANS FLEE - LOOK OVER LOOT POSTOFFICE CLEAR OF MAIL: ONE DELIVERY ON CHRISTMAS

Lawyer Reveals System by Merchants Go to Headquarters Washingtonians to Get Packages Tomorrow If They Arrive by Noon-Outgoing Rush Is Over.

> mas packages coming by parcel post. will get them Christmas Day, if they reach the Washington Postoffice by oon tomorrow.

Mails in the Washington office are 'clear." The entire force of clerks and carriers is tackling delayed mails as fast as they come into Union Station, to hustle them out.

So far as mallings in Washington are concerned, the Christmas busines s over. Outgoing mails are down to normal, and Postmaster Chance and Superintendent of Mails Haycock are enthusiastic over the success of the mail early campaign here. Washingonians did mail early.

Two Deliveries Today.

There were two big deliveries of neoming parcel post Christmas mail, by wagon and motor truck, today, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. There will be another such delivery tomorrow, and trucks and carriers will be kept running throughout the day to deliver all hristmas mail that arrives in the Vashington office.

The railway mail service is struggling under handicaps to clear

All of the incoming mails, however are greatly delayed. They are no are greatly delayed. They are not coming in very rapidly, but some of them reaching here are from points of congestion in the West. These are being seized upon as fast as they arrive by a big force of men for immediate distribution and delivery.

Sunday was no day of rest for the costoffice workers in Washington, though the Capital attempted to aid them by mailing early. A full force was kept on to handle quickly the delayed incoming mails, collectors and

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BOY KIDNAPED BY GYPSIES, HE SAYS SYMPATHY WITH U.S.

Declares They Stole Him From Governments Approve Peace Indiana Home Nine Years Ago.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 24 .- A seventeenrear-old boy who declares he has all South American governments are spent the past nine years of his life as a veritable slave of a band of move for peace. hands of the Arlington police yester of barbarous erueities to which he said he had been subjected since he titude-mainly because of the large was eight years old. He says his number of Italians resident here.

name is Leroy Arbuckle. As a result of his story, told befive members of a tribe of gypsies question but that the government now encamped in the woods near likewise that the government Relateratown were locked up. Two of them, James Cooper and James Harrison, are charged by Arbuckle with actually kidnaping him, and the others are deciared to be accomplices They denied the boy's story, but are being held pending receipt of an answer to a telegram to Mr. and Mrs. William Arbuckle in Mitchell, Ind.,

who, the boy says, are his parents.

Asked For Shelter. Arbuckle's first moment of freedom in nine years came when he knocked at the door of George Ducker, who lives near/the woods where the gyp sies are camping. Arising from bed to answer the knock, Ducker found a thin, emaciated youth, shivering in a blue shirt and trousers, shoeless, and with his feet wrapped in burlap sacks, He asked for shelter, and Rucker told him that if he had no matches in his pockets he might sleep in the hay in

When Ducker went to the barn later in the morning he found the boy buried in the hay, half-frozen and shivering with fear that the gypsies would find him. They had threatened to kill him if he ran away again, he aid, and he exhibited a huge his back, which he declared the gypice had burned with red-hot coal frighten him into submission. Ducker ediately notified the police, who

took the boy to the station house.

Stelen On Way To School. To the police the boy said he was on his way to school one morning pine years ago in his home town when Cooper and Harrison grabbed him, threw him into a big covered wagon, and gagged him with a haridkerchief to stiffe his screams. He said they tied his hands and feet and drove off to their camp in a town several miles away. Shortly afterward they started on a trip, taking him along and watching him closely so he could not escape.

The wandering tribe took him through Ohio, Indiana. Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and Kentucky, he said. He couldn't remember any more

KILLED AT STEEL PLANT

George W. Allen Struck by Piece of Flynig Metal.

While at work at the plant of the Washington Steel and Ordnance Company at Giesboro Point early today. George W. Allen, thirty-five years old. of 1429 Good Hope road southeast, was hit and fatally wounded by a piece of flying steel from a big steam ham-

Allen was rushed to Providence Hospital in one of the company's automobiles, but died within a few hours after arriving there. Coroner Nevitt will conduct an investigation.
Allen was not a native of Washington but had lived here practically all his life. He was unmarried and re-sided with his mother.

Washingtonians who have Christ, the Christmas mails that have jam-as packages coming by parcel post, med all of the big terminal post-offices of the country.

No Day of Rest Here.

others turning to distribution and de-

There will be one general delivery of mail in Washington tomorrow, to in-clude everything, Christmas packages, letters and cards. Other deliveries during the day will be only for Christmas par-cels, but they will make the holiday a day of toil for postal employes.

Another snow storm in the Great Lakes region and in the Northwest is adding to the troubes of the already overburdened railroads and mail trans-portation system. Terminals are

"A Memorable Mistake." J. L. Garvin in a six-column article in

SOUTH AMERICANS IN

Proposal If All People Do Not.

in sympathy with President Wilson's gypsies who kidnaped him from his! Owing to the fact that allies have home in Mitches, Ind. (ell into the calibited considerable coolings to day, and told them a pathetic story the masses of the Argentine people have also apparently adopted that at-

But the comment of the Argentine press continues unanimously friendly ween sobs to Marshal John C. Cockey, to the proposal and there seems no

ikewise takes this view Dispatches here indicate that the shares this sympathetic ably Paraguay, Uruguay, even Bravil-though the Congress of those nations and the public may

for the moment feel otherwise.

SANTA TO USE FLIVVER Weather Man Says He Can't Use His Sleigh Tomorrow.

Old Santa Claus, will have to use modern flivver to bring his presents to the little folk of Washington. Professor Frankenfield, forecaster at the Weather Bureau, said today he regretted to forecast a rather disagreeable day for Christmas in Washington from a weather stand point. But then, who cares about Christmas weather anyway, excepting, of course, the boys with new and shinny sleds

or fee skates. It will be warmer tonight and to-morrow in Washington, the temperaturegoing above freezing tonight, cording to the official forecast. rain most likely tomorrow.

deer, however,, far south of the Great a snow storm is raging.

LEAVES ALL TO CHARITY Widow Said She Wanted This

Avoid Squabbles. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.-Mrs. Hannal Duryee, eighty-one years old, of Jennings, Mo., a widow, who announced her intention several months ago of giving away her entire estate, so that relatives would not "squabble over

it," made good. She deeded her ten-room house and the five-acre plat upon which it stands Miss Daisy Ella Nirdlinger, president of the Josephine Club, with the ur derstanding that it be turned into home for incurables. She also set aside all her remaining personal property, amounting to abou

TOWN DECORATES TRAINS

Holly Wreathe Placed on Coaches by Oregonians.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 24.-Great wreaths of holly bearing the legend, "Greetings from Postland, Oregon, were placed today in the observation car of every through train that left Portland. The wreaths will be left in the cars until after the holidays. This unique feature was instituted jointly by the Ad Club, the Progressive Business Men's Club, the Rotary Club.

the realty board and the chamber of

New York from the northwest on Christ-mas eve will be decorated with an eight-foot wreath on the outside of the ob-

WILSON'S NOTE CALLED INSULT BY NORTHCLIFFE

British Statesman's Paper Fea tures Charge Message Was Prompted by Bernstorff.

WOULD SEND ENVOY TO U.S.

London Observer Also Proposes Peace Conference in Paris. **Must Answer Overtures.**

LONDON, Dec. N .- Lord Northcliffe's Weekly Dispatch, the Sunday newspaper which is closest to the new administration in England, today bitterly arraigns President Wilson, declaring his course in sending the pead ote "an insult not easily to be condoned when he suggests that Britains and Germans in a general way are fight

ing for the same cause."

The same newspaper placed big headlines over a New York message attributing President Wilson's act largely
to German Ambassador Bernstoff's
clever propaganda work, and commented at length on the failure of the Brit-

today's Observer calls President Wilson's note "a memorable mistake which jeopardises all the beneficent possibili

ties of the role which might have been, and may still be, reserved for the American President at a later stage."

He holds that the entente allies, in reply to President Wilson's note, are bound to vindicate their cause before

history, and declares that special measures are required. "If Viscount Bryce is not available "If Viscount Bryce is not available to specially represent us in the United States," says the paper, "why should not Lord Rosebery be asked? Would it not be possible for these two to go together? Perhaps the best choice would be Mr. Asquith. If such an appointment were made the person chosen ought to be of the high est political rank and intellectual distinction." BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 24.-Probably

The Observer adds: President Wilson's wee allied to define their terms and o jects must be very courteously re-ceived, and demands a reasoned an swer. While it might be explained to the President that in the very nature of the case no speedy reply could be given to so considerable a request a a full statement of the terms of the allies, the latter might do worse, in our orinion, than appoint a special

body sitting in Paris to go into the question.

VICTORY FOR WILSON SEEN Belief Growings Among Diplomats Overtures Will Be Successful.

In spite of editorial blasts from abroad, supplemented by guarded expressions of annoyance in entente quarters here, belief is growing in embassy and official circles that President Wilson's overtures to the bellig-

It is believed that no less than a frank expression in reply to his communication can be expected, and it

it is declared, to further and more definite negotiations. Administration leaders are not inclined to be overconcerned about the editorial attitude of the English press. It is felt here that an accurate per spective is impossible on the reception of the President's note until it has reached the public and sufficient time

has been given for thorough diges-

Awalt Official Views. In the meantime, interchange of official views between the entente na-

tions and among the Teutonic powers must be awaited. A pretty fair indication of how the seace wind is blowing is expected when the entente allies send their

reply to their enemies' peace proposal looked for in about ten days. But it is pointed out that the tone of this reply will necessarily be vasty different from the response to the President's communication. No word has been received here as to when

It is believed the first reply will

Diplomata Discuss Issue. While attention is directed toward England for the next move in the intricate game of peace, there continses to be vast discussion of the sub ect in embassy circles here.

come from the Teuton allies.

In this connection the South American ministers believe the President peace activity. "The United States' note was time ly," one of the most prominent South Americans declared. "It was put forth when the people of belligerent

on peace more than at any time in the last two years.
"By calling for a statement of objectives from both sides, the President is bound to get the fullest and frankest expressions developed thus

far in the struggle, "By asking for terms the Presiden: automatically has assumed much the position of mediator. "Any replies sent to him will neces sarily mean continuation of the three

cornered discussion and if the replies from the two belligarent groups square in any particular whatever, will result in encou. aging further

"In the light of the President's ap-